COMMENT:

'In Re: Delete, Delete, Delete' Docket

- **DA/FCC #: DA-25-219 Docket No.: 25-133**

Re: 47 CFR 73.3571 - Processing of AM broadcast station applications.

Specific Reference/Section/Language of this rule:

"A **major** change for an AM station authorized under this part is any change in frequency, except frequency changes to non-expanded band first, second or third adjacent channels."

COMMENT: Continued Usefulness of the rule. This Regulation is out of date due to **marketplace and technological changes** regarding AM radio. Several "open" frequencies exist in many parts of the country, usually but not always due to licensees vacating the frequency and surrendering their licenses. As said frequencies (and protection for adjacent frequencies) have already once been assigned to the same general geographical and coverage areas, **they should be available for applicants on a "minor change" basis, not "major".**

MORE GENERALLY: Technological Conditions and Rules have changed over the years regarding AM frequency assignments such that, while now technologically feasible, applicants are prevented from seeking desirable frequencies by the above "major" change rule. Again, **AM broadcaster applications for frequency (AND power if associated with the same application) changes should be, in most cases, considered a "minor" change application**. Present window rules are a restriction both to commerce and to broadcast service to the public and public safety.

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